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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: ECA Exchange Student Surveys

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATE(S): The Department will accept comments from the public up to **[the FR will insert date 60 days from date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the Internet may use the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) to comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Public Notice DOS-2015-0055” in the Search bar. If necessary, use the Narrow by Agency filter option on the Results page.

- *E-mail:* robertsonet@state.gov
- *Mail:* 2200 C Street NW, Washington DC 20037

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number (if any) in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Andrej Kolaja who may be reached on (202) 632-6412 or at robertsonet@state.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* ECA Exchange Student Surveys
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0210
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection
- *Originating Office:* Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/PE/C/PY)
- *Form Number:* SV2012-0007 (Foreign Exchange students) and SV2012-0010 (U.S. Exchange students)
- *Respondents:* Exchange students from foreign countries and the United States participating in Department of State sponsored programs from 2015-2018
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1800 annually - (1500 exchange students from foreign countries and 300 US students studying in foreign countries)
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- *Average Time Per Response:* 15 minutes
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 450 hours
- *Frequency:* On occasion
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection:

This collection of information is under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended, and the Exchange Visitor Program regulations (22 CFR Part 62), as applicable. The information collected will be used by the Department to

ascertain whether there are any issues that would affect the safety and well-being of exchange program participants.

Methodology:

The survey will be sent electronically via the Survey Monkey tool and responses collected electronically. If a respondent requests a paper version of the survey it will be provided.

Dated: October 9, 2015.

Bruce Armstrong,

Director,

Office of Citizen Exchanges,

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs,

Department of State.

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